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1. A three-member committee has been appointed from the Benetatos faction, consisting of Dionysios Benetatos, S. Tsagarides (or Pontikis), and T. Nikolaides. This committee met on 5 April 1949 with the committee appointed by the Markouris faction. The latter committee consisted of Gregory Kasimatis and George Economou.
2. The two committees discussed the letter sent from Paris on 19 March 1949. The following decisions were reached:
  - a. They agreed to the unification of the two Central Committees.
  - b. The Benetatos faction supported the view that the Central Committee is a legislative body whose decisions will be executed by the Executive Committee. Economou supported the view that the Central Committee is an advisory group, while the Executive Committee is a legislative and executive body. Kasimatis did not side with either view, but he proposed that the opinion of the International Committee in Paris be requested. Those present voted for Kasimatis' proposal, and it was decided to send the question to the International Committee and to follow its decision in the matter.
3. In the meanwhile, Kasimatis was reported to have made the following remarks on the subject of the United Socialist States of Europe movement:
  - a. "I do not believe that in our time it is possible for the United Socialist States of Europe to succeed, or that the movement in Greece can yield concrete results. For this reason I did not sign the declaration, nor have I taken part in the movement. When I was told about it, I did not say anything because I did not want to offer impediments and difficulties.
  - b. "After the union of this movement with the Churchill movement, however, in spite of the fact that I still do not believe that we are going to have significant results in Greece, I nevertheless joined actively in the movement. I did so because I believe that possibly from this movement will emerge the "third situation" or "third force" which will be in a position to succeed the present

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"political situation, which has deteriorated to such a dangerous degree that there is nothing but catastrophe before our eyes.

- c. "For that reason, during my stay in Paris I worked with Gironella, Giotopoulos and others, and we composed the letter sent on 19 March 1949. That letter, although rigid in tone, nevertheless perhaps succeeded in uniting the two movements and in creating the "third force".
- d. "The Mercuris faction appointed me to negotiate with the other (Benetatos) faction on the question of a united movement. If this does not succeed, then I am certain that the two existing committees will be dissolved; I shall then have to consider what ought to be done to create the "third force" through some other medium. I am of the opinion that if we created the "third force" and exploited the antipathy of the French Socialist Party towards SK-ELD, as well as the view of LaRoque (who is influenced by the Americans), we shall succeed in winning away the Labor Party of England from support of SK-ELD. From this "third force" we shall be able to create a sound and serious Socialist Party.
- e. "Since there does not exist a serious and organized "third force", we are faced with the sorry phenomenon of the COMISCO recognizing SK-ELD, and of putting pressure on ASO and others to unit and submit to Tsirimokos."

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